

PVS System Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Patient Medical History and Consent Form dated January 23, 2003 that will be used for the PVS system. Under Section A: Patient Demographic Information the options for Ethnicity/Race does not include "Other." What happens when an individual does not fit in these pre-defined categories?

As of now, race/ethnicity is optional in the PVS system so you don't have to complete that field.

2. Will the PVS System list vaccinations by clinics?

Yes

3. May hospital staff receive access to enter data into the PVS system?

No, for now it is limited to health department staff

4. Will we be able to add folks later to get additional digital certificates as we may need to increase or change staffing once more is known about hospital vaccination plans?

Yes, through the Central Office. Additional vaccinators/take readers may be added at any time by PVS users.

5. Is SSN required?

No, social security numbers are optional

6. Will we be able to print out the 2 page medical form with the batch info? It would be nice to print out the 1 form per clinic and just photocopy it for all the vaccines at that clinic.

At this time it isn't possible. In the future it may be.

7. How do we track people that want to be anonymous?

The PVS System allows for anonymous data to be collected, BUT you must have the information in your clinic to track the vaccinee even if you don't enter their name into the PVS System. At this time we are not vaccinating anyone that will not provide information for us to track them

8. Is there an audio component to the online PVS demo?

No. You will need to follow the instructions in the PVS Training Manual available at <http://www.bt.cdc.gov/agent/smallpox/vaccination/pre-event-info-data.asp>

9. How should a second vaccination given to someone who does not have a take for the first one be reported?

A second PVN number should be assigned to the patient history when the second vaccination is given. In the PVS system, choose, “Add Vaccination” in the patient information field to associate the second PVN number to the patient.

10. Can our ITS person install all the digital certificates for PVS users?

No, each user will have to install the certificate on the machine to be used.

11. My password doesn’t work. What should I do?

The passwords are very fussy. They must be entered EXACTLY as they are shown, including any special markings; they are also case-sensitive. Capital letter “O” is easily confused with the zero, “0”, and capital letter “I” is confused with the number one, “1”.

12. We are using vaccine prepared by another health district’s clinic. Should we create another batch number and enter the vaccinees in our district clinic database?

No. The district that originally created the batch “owns” that batch and should enter data for all individuals that are vaccinated using that vial. The appropriate “Referring Organization” should be selected for each vaccinee.

13. When I add all the patient information that is required and select “save”, it comes up with a database error. What should I do?

This message will appear if data are entered incorrectly. Dates must be entered as “mm/dd/yyyy”. Dates that are inconsistent with the date a vaccine batch was created, etc. will also be rejected. Take response dates cannot be entered in advance.